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Junior, Telecommunications

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## TODAY

Few snow showers  
High: 24, Low: 9



## TOMORROW

Morning snow showers  
High: 14, Low: 1

# More than just a cold walk home for students

## Super Cab returns to city

By Theresa Scott  
Reporter

This past Saturday night the temperature was low, the bars were packed and Super Cab was rolling along.

Super Cab is back in business and under new ownership after a semester-long hiatus. Riders can take a ride in the cab for \$5 anywhere within the town limits.

New owners Andrew Roholt and Mitch Frost decided to buy the Super Cab last semester after the opportunity presented itself.

"I know that I used the Super Cab when I was an undergrad and I saw a need for it," Roholt said. "Besides, I thought it would be fun to try owning my own business for a while."

Roholt, who graduated from the

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## BG Transit widely unknown

By Stephanie Spencer  
Reporter

The BG Transit system, a city-wide service created in 2006 to take residents anywhere within city limits, boasts a 96 percent overall satisfaction rate throughout the community.

There's only one problem. Some students have never heard of it.

In a quick poll of 25 randomly selected students in the Union on Friday, not only had the students not heard of it, but their blank stares suggested they thought it had been made up.

"Do you mean 2-ride?" one person surveyed said.

No, it's BG Transit.

The system owns seven transit vehicles and was

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# City council votes against Section O

By Kristen Vasas  
City Editor

Members of city council debated for over an hour last night on the terms of the controversial Section O before unanimously voting against the legislation and postponing it for further discussion.

During the meeting, council members agreed to support an ad-hoc committee that would be created by Mayor John Quinn and made up of two or three council members, residents representing different neighborhoods, the Bowling Green Health Department and the city administration.

Members of the committee would be charged with addressing problems brought up by residents of Bowling Green concerning Section O, which originally laid down recommendations for

a licensing and inspection procedure for rental properties in the city.

"This problem did not occur overnight, and it probably won't go away overnight," Council-at-Large Terry Dunn said. "Let's work to get this fixed as soon as possible."

Lifetime resident Larry Newman, 65, said his biggest concern over the issue was whether or not city council members would react quickly enough to the legislation to make a difference.

He proposed three solutions to the legislation, saying that the council could turn the town over to local landlords, decide on a licensing and regulatory system on rental properties or disband the zoning and planning commission.

"To sit on your hands and do nothing would make you an

idiot," Newman said. "We've got a problem and we need to fix it."

But for Kim Layden, 38, Section O will provide the Health Department with a new and more effective plan when it comes to enforcing health regulations, such as trash pick-up and litter violations.

Because many residents don't follow through with health codes when they have been asked to fix them, Layden suggested that under Section O, rental properties could be denied to people who do not fix and follow health regulations.

"I feel like this has been so blown out of proportion that people have forgotten this is only a recommendation for a licensing and inspection procedure," Layden said.

And along with recommending an ad-hoc committee be created in order to deal with Section



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**DISCUSSING:** City council members Larry Sorrells, Megari Newlove and Terry Dunn listen as members of the community voice their opinions on Section O at Monday night's public hearing.

O, council members also called for a new look at the language of the legislation, with the ultimate goal being a new and simplified document.

Council-at-Large Robert McOmber said the language

within Section O is currently too narrow, and that in order for the legislation to work, common ground and objectives must be found in order to move forward.

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## Dutch students take advantage of ability to complete minor by studying abroad

By Christie Kerner  
Reporter

The University is being invaded by Dutch students — all looking to complete their minors.

Thanks to a new program established out of Fontys University, of the Netherlands, Dutch students have the opportunity to complete their minor at the University.

The program, known as Fontys Study Abroad Minor, began fall semester 2008 and has since attracted 35 Dutch students to the University.

The program was started by Adrian van Alphen and his wife, Kim, who worked at Fontys University for 18 years.

The two met while Adrian, originally from the Netherlands, was studying abroad at Ball State University.

He and his wife decided to move back to Holland after graduation, but eventually the

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Adrian van Alphen | Program founder

couple had a vision to return to the United States and work.

Soon, the idea for a study abroad program for students from Fontys University to the U.S. arose.

"Fontys did not have study abroad programs in the U.S.," Adrian said. "The idea came one and a half years ago from the decision of wanting to move back to the U.S."

Students at Fontys University are required to complete a minor, internship and thesis in order to graduate.

The completion of the minor provided the idea for the study

abroad program.

"We bumped into the language company in Oklahoma and found out [the company] was on 10 campuses including BGSU," Adrian said.

The students are concurrently enrolled at the University and the BG Language Institute.

"It is a co-sponsored program between BGLI and BGSU," Director of International Programs Paul Hofmann said.

The minor program enables students to study culture, English and an academic

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## New budget proposal leaves Ohio citizens paying more

Strickland plans to raise money by increasing fees

By Julie Carr Smyth  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohioans will pay more to farm, drive, enjoy the outdoors, keep the environment clean and do business under Gov. Ted Strickland's proposed budget released yesterday.

Strickland plans to balance his two-year \$55 billion spending plan with help from increases in 120 state fees.

Money raised through fee increases will help fund some of Strickland's priority investments: \$925 million in new dollars for public schools and the first steps toward construction of a high-speed railroad traversing the state.

He also calls for maintaining a freeze on college tuition and an increase in government health insurance for children in low-

income families.

Some of the agencies affected by fee increases include the Department of Natural Resources, the Agriculture Department and the Department of Transportation. The increases are expected to raise \$236 million. The Health Department has proposed a number of fee increases, including license fees for marinas and campgrounds.

Strickland's budget also relies heavily on \$3.4 billion in anticipated funding from the federal stimulus package being debated in Congress this week. State Budget Director Pari Sabety said the budget's ambitious goals will be impossible without that cash.

She predicted cuts in classroom instruction, social services

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## BLOTTER

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

1:41 A.M.

Gregory Tryon of Arcadia, Ohio, was cited for disorderly conduct and underage under the influence.

SUNDAY, FEB. 1

12:19 A.M.

A juvenile was cited for underage under the influence in Offenbauer East. Amanda Oney, 19, of Cleveland, Ohio, was cited for providing a place for underage consumption.

Kaitlin McNeeley, of Lakewood, Ohio, was arrested in Offenbauer East for providing a place for underage consumption, underage under the influence and disorderly conduct with persistence.

8:02 P.M.

Emily Ferrante, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage possession of alcohol after she was observed in the stairwell landing with a beverage which she admitted was coke with vodka.

11:06 P.M.

Complainant reported she smelled the odor of burnt marijuana coming from an apartment on Fairview Avenue.

## BUDGET

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and health care if the money isn't approved. She defended the state's use of stimulus money to cover 5.5 percent of general spending, saying the idea of the stimulus is to keep spiraling state budgets from further contributing to the national fiscal crisis.

"We are engines of the recovering economy," Sabety said.

Strickland's budget does not raise taxes, instead calling for cutting the budgets of 33 state agencies and flat-funding six others and reducing many existing government programs, some by as much as 20 percent.

## SUPERCAB

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University with a microbiology degree last year, said driving the cab is a far stretch from what he imagined he would be doing after graduation.

"Honestly, it is more stressful than I expected, but I am really enjoying it," Roholt said.

The orange and white van, which is slightly reminiscent of the Scooby Doo Mystery Machine, has become something of an icon in the downtown streets of Bowling Green.

As bar-goer Kristen Jennings waited outside of Nate and Wally's Saturday night, she proclaimed her love for the cab.

"I am so glad Super Cab is back!" Jennings said. "There is not a lot of easy transportation in BG, so I am happy we have a way to get around town again."

Roholt said he has plans to expand the business; this summer he expects to move the Super Cab to Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and open a base of operations on the island which is famous for its bar hopping. Eventually Roholt would like to see a Super Cab in another college town.

Some Super Cab riders were discouraged by the long wait for a cab. First-time Super Cab rider Mark Kyle said that while he is glad the Super Cab was back, he would be hesitant to call the cab

"Sometimes it gets pretty hectic, but it is nothing we can't handle."

Andrew Roholt | Owner

again after waiting 20 minutes for the van.

"I think it is probably just faster to walk," Kyle said. "I really hope they get some more vans soon."

Currently Super Cab has only two vans in operation, which can sometimes make the wait for a cab after last call up to 45 minutes. Roholt said he would love to have a whole fleet of vans operating on the weekends, but explained that was just not financially possible at the moment.

On a typical Saturday night, one super cab can haul 70 people or more around town.

Roholt said he has seen people throw up in the cab and people pass out but nothing too noteworthy has happened in the past month while he has been out driving.

"Sometimes it gets pretty hectic, but it is nothing we can't handle," Roholt said.

Super Cab operates nightly from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. and can be reached at 419-494-3380. Super Cab is not open on Sundays.

The high interest in the sports management field was another reason the University fit their needs and interests.

"Since we had studied at Ball State, we had heard of BGSU," Adrian said.

Although the students are only taking one academic course through BGSU, they are still taking a full class schedule with the Language Institute and American cultural classes.

"We need the international programs office because it is the door to the academic course part," Adrian said.

Students Irene Krommendijk

## TRANSIT

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funded in part by the city of Bowling Green and a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation, as well as the Federal Transit Administration.

For \$3.50 a ride, passengers are driven to the destination of their choice after they place a call to the transit office to schedule their ride.

For students used to urban public transportation, instructor Mitch Raney thinks this would be a breath of fresh air.

"I've never heard of it myself, but I think it's a fantastic idea, a lot of students from Cleveland or Detroit are used to public transportation," he said.

And as January 2009 almost tipped the record for snowfall in the area, it's not just a jungle out there, it's an arctic tundra.

Tina Bradley, the city contact for BG Transit, said she has seen a broad spectrum of riders and that the transit system tried to spread the word as much as possible to on-campus students. An e-mail is sent to all new students at the beginning of the year and promotional items, like magnets, pens, or pencils bearing the transit logo, are distributed during the first few weeks of the semester, she said.

and Diana Derks, both considered juniors in the U.S., are excited about the opportunity to study here.

"I'm excited to see the result in the end because I am working on my English," Krommendijk said.

The two students are living with two American students in Founders Hall.

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Aside from this, Bradley said press releases are written quarterly and informational brochures are also made available to students.

All of these notices must have missed Deante Penny.

Resident adviser at Harshman-Chapman, he hears bits and pieces of conversations throughout the main lobby while he sits behind the front desk. Aside from talk of papers, homework and occasional gossip, he has almost never heard anyone speak of BG Transit.

"I think I heard the word transit once, but I thought it meant 2-ride," he said. "I have never seen any advertisements or signs about it, but I think it's definitely a good idea if it takes you anywhere you want to go."

"I think a lot of students are using it," Bradley said.

Though she would like to see ridership continue to grow, 2007's satisfaction survey pointed out that much of the riders — 76 percent — received elderly and disabled assistance reduced fares.

Ideally, the transit should be notified of trips 24 hours in advance, but Bradley said she tries to accommodate quick reservations, too.

From Feb. 2 to 7, BG Transit will be conducting another survey on rider satisfaction with passengers ranking the system in areas like vehicle cleanliness, satisfaction with operating staff and ride scheduling.

### BG TRANSIT

- Call 1-800-579-4299 to schedule a ride
- Rides are available: Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- \$3.50 per ride
- BG Transit cards are also available for frequent users

## CAMPUS BRIEF

USG president ordered to University's alcohol program

Undergraduate Student Government President John Waynick, 20, was court ordered to the University's Alcohol Diversion Program yesterday, stemming from an underage and under the influence of alcohol citation he received Jan. 4.



John Waynick

In a written statement, Waynick said, "I understand that being elected as a student leader brings along with it the duty of being both a good role-model and a positive example. On Jan. 4th, I was neither of those. I send my deepest apologies to the community of Bowling Green for the mistake I made that night. However, I have not and will not ever let this mistake get in the way of carrying out my duties as a good student body president. This is a hurdle in which I have to jump in my personal life, and not a roadblock to stop progress."

## CORRECTION POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

Yesterday, the byline of a guest column on the University contacting students earlier on cancellations was spelled incorrectly. The author's correct name is Audra Kimble.

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## GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
Some events taken from events.bgu.edu

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
**Exhibit #9: "You Call That Dancing"**  
130 and 131 Union - Gallery Space

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
**Muslim Student Association Prayer Room**  
204 Olscamp

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Noel-Levitz Student Success Improvement Team**  
201 Union - Sky Bank Room

3 p.m.  
**Information Session: Australia, New Zealand and Fiji**  
Education Abroad Office Conference Room, Suite 61 McDonald North

7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.  
**Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin**  
107 Hanna Hall

7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesdays at the Gish: The Intruder**  
Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall

8 p.m.  
**Bad Astronomy**  
112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg.

8 p.m.  
**New Music Ensemble**  
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore musical Arts Center

## Rec Center welcomes additions to improve social atmosphere

By Craig Vanderkam  
Web Editor

New vending machines are already in place at the Rec Center, and new televisions and a Nintendo Wii are on the way. These new additions, however, are drawing the ire of some and being welcomed by others.

Steve Kampf, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, explained the reasons behind the move.

"We are looking to make the area more appealing to students," Kampf said. "We thought if we could make that area look a little nicer it would be more of a lounge-type atmosphere for students."

The Rec Center has received a lot of flak regarding the funding of these additions, with many believing hours and services will be cut as a result of the changes.

"[These cutbacks] are absolutely not true," Kampf said. "We set aside money every year for projects in order to improve the facility."

The new vending machines were paid in part by the University's vending services, AVI Foodsystems, Inc. and the Auxiliary Improvement Project, a \$100,000 annual grant for maintenance and improvements. AVI Foodsystems, Inc. contributed \$12,000 to the new machines, while the AIP covered the remaining \$28,000, Kampf said.

In addition to the new vending machines and TVs, the Rec Center is making a



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**NEW:** The new vending machines in the Rec Center line the wall of a whole new area, which gives visitors a place to relax and socialize before or after their workout.

further push to integrate technology.

"We will be getting a [Nintendo] Wii with a TV so students can participate in Wii-fitness type activities and any other [activities] that will make them more active," Kampf said.

Josh Lusk, a senior at the University, views the changes as a step in the right direction.

"I think it could make the Rec Center a more festive place," Lusk said. "Students might be inclined to go more often now."

Roseann Perchinske, a senior, agrees with this sentiment.

"I'm motivated to work out either way, but it might be a lot more fun to work out with a TV in front of me," Perchinske said. "I do think it

would motivate more people to go to the Rec though."

Not all students are in favor of the changes. Senior Pat Bunetta argues the funds could be allocated in a different way.

"I go to the Rec to workout, not play video games," Bunetta said. "You can do that at home. They should spend money on new equipment instead of buying Wii."

The new additions are expected to be complete this May. The TVs are not yet in, and the building is not yet wired for television, though students will be able to start playing the Wii right away, according to Kampf.

"I hear students talking who notice changes are coming. People are anticipating something else will happen here," he said.

## University professor takes on new role in Cleveland

By Michelle Olmstead  
Reporter



**Timothy Fuerst**

Is working with the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

Professor of economics Timothy Fuerst has been selected as a senior economic adviser to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Fuerst is one of six senior economic advisers in the Fourth Federal Reserve District, which consists of Ohio, as well as areas of West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Economic advisers are selected based upon many factors, which include research accomplishments and extensive recognition of their knowledge within the field, according to a press release.

Fuerst was first employed at the bank in 1994 as a consultant providing expertise on financial markets and monetary policy. The promotion to senior economic adviser allows Fuerst to participate in open-market committee briefings, where he views classified government documents and offers his perspective to the bank.

Due to the "public sensitivity" of his new position, the Public Information Department at the Federal Reserve Bank requested that Fuerst decline an interview with The BG News. However, fellow instructors in the economics department were more than able to paint a portrait of the man behind the distinguished title.

Fuerst's new position does not come as a surprise to faculty in the economics department. John Hoag, head of the department, described it as a "welcome recognition of his ability and his research standing."

Not only is Fuerst a significant contributor to the real world of economics, he is also an inspiring

influence at the University itself.

Peter VanderHart, also an instructor in the economics department, first met Fuerst when he started as an instructor at the University in 1993. VanderHart said Fuerst is a very charismatic and approachable educator that expects a lot from his students.

Economics Instructor Mary Ellen Benedict said Fuerst is conscientious and kind.

"He's the type of person who is willing to help out when you need him," she said. "His students tell me that even in the large lectures, his teaching methods have inspired them to take more economics classes."

Fuerst has even been responsible for several students' switching to economics majors, Benedict said.

Katharine Kontak is one of the students swayed to economics by Fuerst's enthusiasm.

After taking an intro to microeconomics course from Fuerst in 2000, she switched her major from international studies to economics.

"He was genuinely interested in what he does," she said.

Kontak currently teaches economics courses at the University and looks to Fuerst as a mentor.

Fuerst earned his Ph.D. and Masters degrees from the University of Chicago. He has been with the University since 1993 and was the recipient of the undergraduate Teaching Award in 2004.

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Do you think off-campus students should be subject to city code inspections without probable cause?



"No, that should only apply if there are dependents living in the house."

**KENDRA BEITZEL**,  
Freshman, Nursing



"Absolutely not. I wouldn't even let an inspector in, that way they'd have to forcibly enter."

**RICH EHRBAR**,  
Junior, Telecommunications



"Not at all. They're students, some of them might not even know the codes they have to follow."

**LAROUN TOLBERT**,  
Freshman, Marketing



"No, without probable cause they have no right to unexpectedly inspect."

**MADELYN PUTTERBAUGH**,  
Freshman, Nursing

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## Americans should be cautious of who they vilify during this current 'Age of Recrimination'



**PHIL SCHURRER**  
FACULTY COLUMNIST

Now that the Inauguration festivities have wound down, America can continue with its Age of Recrimination. This particular epoch rears its head each time we enter the seven years of famine that inevitably follow the seven years of feasting.

Prior to its current incarnation, major-league Recrimination last surfaced during the Depression. Ferdinand Percora served as Chief Counsel for the U.S. Senate's Committee on Banking and Currency. He helped expose many Wall Street misdeeds, which led to the passage of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

In the process of doing so, he also demonized those who broke no law or ethical stricture. Exhibit A: J.P. Morgan Jr., the heir to the Morgan fortune. Morgan floated multi-million dollar loans to the Allies during World War I and survived an assassination attempt by a German sympathizer. Yet Percora embarrassed Morgan by getting him to publicly admit he paid no income taxes in 1931 and 1932. Understand Morgan broke no law; he had suffered from the stock market crash, as had many others. But Percora played to the all-too-common class envy

which is the handmaiden of an Age of Recrimination.

Not surprisingly, those in the current Age of Recrimination direct their anger at those business leaders who have been indicted, tried and found guilty in the court of public opinion for the dastardly evil economic and social crime of spending prodigally and, in general, having a mighty fine time indeed.

The latest defendant in the gallows is one John Thain, a 53-year old Illinois doctor's son, who graduated from MIT with a degree in electrical engineering. He headed Merrill Lynch and orchestrated its merger with Bank of America.

According to the World Socialist Web Site, he "squandered \$1.22 million on the remodeling of his office suite. Among other purchases, he spent \$131,000 on rugs, \$87,000 for guest chairs, \$68,000 for a credenza, \$35,000 for a commode and \$1,400 for a waste paper basket. To do the job, he hired celebrity interior designer Michael Smith, who is now at work on the Obama White House."

Now, I hold no brief for Mr. Thain. Matter of fact, he and those of his ilk have a tin ear for discerning the economic distress that we all (or nearly all) face. For him to accept bonuses and engage in redecorating extravaganzas while asking for public money is unconscionable.

My problem is that those who

deep down inside either despise or don't understand the capitalist system will use class envy to look for other scapegoats to parade before us, hoping to convince those foolish enough to swallow the class warfare card that the capitalist system is the worst ever devised. These people seem to surface during every Age of Recrimination.

Words are important. We hear phrases such as "big corporations" bandied about by those practitioners of the beat-down who will castigate anyone having a few extra dollars in their pocket. Certainly, Thain is deserving of censure. But not all bankers qualify for such treatment, nor do all corporations.

It's easy to paint others with the same brush. If these targets were selected based on race, the cry of "racist" would be heard. The howl of "sexist" would be raised if those targeted were based on gender. But, when middle- or upper class largely white males are caught in the cross hairs, the silence is palpable.

To be intellectually — as well as morally — honest, we need to be judged based on evidence, rather than on economic standing or occupation. Thain and Morgan may have been in the same business and shared the same gender and skin color, but the similarities end there.

Respond to Phil at  
thenews@bgnews.com

## We want it all, we want it now

By Zach Dionne  
U-Wire

"I want it all, and I want it now."

Nineteen years after Freddie Mercury first sang the words, it's worse than ever. My dad loves to quote the lyrics to me, but they need to be pounded into the mindset of an entire culture that programs digital video recorders from cell phones, skips novels to go straight to the plot summaries on Wikipedia, and reads insider Oscar predictions so accurate there's no point in watching the ceremony.

Think back to a time before text messaging. Before Twitter. Before the Facebook News Feed. We survived without knowing the every move of our friends. We really did.

The immediate connection of texting is a touchstone so per-

vasive that no situation is off limits: texting in class, while driving, after being woken from a dead sleep, in the shower or while hiking a mountain. MSN.com ran an article in July titled "Texters hurt as they walk, ride — even cook." The photo was a guy riding downhill on a bike, both hands and eyes dedicated solely to his cell. Unfortunately, I'm guilty of these offenses as well.

Here's a situation: I receive a text asking me if I'm joining friends for dinner. I look at my watch. It's 2 p.m. This message is borderline insignificant. It's full of things like the letter "u" and "tonite." It sacrifices grammar for speed, both for the fingers typing it and the eyes it's written for. But unless I'm lucky enough to ward off the powerful impulse to be rude or inappropriate, I'll

probably reply within moments, regardless of my company or surroundings.

Why? Because the thirst for instant knowledge is damn near hardwired by now. Even the most patient souls are victims to this culture of immediacy.

And guess what? I'm making this complaint, and I've written texts while riding my bike. I always make an effort to pull the car over, wait until I step off the bike or finish my conversation with someone, but the desire to immediately continue the communication is so deep, it feels instinctual — a creepy thought considering how new most of this technology is. Pause for a second at the name of the system that made e-mail look like the new snail mail: instant messaging. Instant.

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MICHAEL WEIGMAN | THE BG NEWS

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Fighting in NCAA hockey should be prohibited

This is a response to the opinion article on fighting in college hockey. I disagree with the writer's argument for allowing fighting in college hockey for a number of reasons.

College hockey is a key step in the development of players who move on to professional hockey, but college hockey is about more than the on-ice growth. College hockey prepares players with viable career paths if they choose not to play pro or when they retire. College hockey encourages growth in players' overall abilities rather than creating enforcers and/or encouraging combat skills.

We must remember these are still young college kids. College hockey is a big commitment and takes a lot of time. Players have classes, clubs, practices, workouts, social events and jobs. This is a difficult and sometimes stressful schedule

already without feeling beat up after a full-fledged fight.

The scraps we see now with helmets and gloves still on don't hurt that much. Real fights when equipment is off is much closer to boxing than to hockey. Bruises and broken teeth, jaws and knuckles, as well as other injuries, become real possibilities.

Although fighting cuts down on cheap shots it doesn't prevent them entirely. There's always going to be cheap shots and dangerous plays, whether on purpose or by accident. Fighting only encourages retaliation instead of continuing to play the game.

Fighting would also add another level of danger to college hockey. As it is, it is difficult to fight unless both players agree due to the mandatory cages in college hockey. If fighting was allowed, hand injuries could increase due to cages and helmets. Without deep minor-league pools,

teams could be worse off having enough players to fill voids by increased injuries.

College hockey doesn't have to add fighting to attract viewers and fans. Most college hockey teams do well in attendance even in markets with pro teams close by. College hockey and the surrounding atmosphere of the bands, student sections and future hockey stars all help create a high level of excitement and a large fan base.

These are some of the main reasons why fighting should not be allowed in college hockey. I'm sure this article won't stop the ongoing argument for fighting, but it at least highlights the other side of the discussion.

—Ben Kenyon, Junior,  
Sports Communication

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# Stimulus package continues to be reworked by Congress

By David Espo  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans pressed for mortgage relief as well as larger tax cuts yesterday as debate opened on the emergency economic stimulus measure atop President Barack Obama's agenda. Democrats came under pressure to reduce spending in the bill.

"What we can't do is let very modest differences get in the way" of swift enactment of the legislation, Obama said as new layoffs rippled through the economy and the Commerce Department reported an unexpectedly large sixth straight drop in personal spending. He invited Democratic leaders to the White House to discuss changes in the \$884 billion measure, in hopes of avoiding a party-line vote like the one last week in the House.

Republicans said their goal was the change the bill, not to block it. "Nobody that I know of is trying to keep a package from passing," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader.

"We need to fix housing first," he said, and officials said the GOP was coalescing behind a proposal to have the federal government assume some of the risk inherent in mortgages. The goal was to have banks lower the interest rate to 4 percent or 4.5 percent on 30-year fixed rate loans for many primary residences, by directing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to buy the mortgages.

The officials who described the emerging proposal did so on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss it.

McConnell also said Republicans favor cutting the two lowest tax brackets as a way to "put money back in people's hands directly." If adopted, that would reduce the tax rate from 10 percent to 5 percent for the first \$8,350 in individual income for the current year, and \$16,700 for couples. The tax rate would be lowered from 15 percent to 10 percent on income between \$8,351 and \$33,950 for individ-

**"If I were writing it, it might look a little different. But the essence of a recovery package is essential to get the nation's economy moving."**

Jim Douglas | Governor of Vermont

uals and between \$16,001 and \$67,900 for couples.

Obama and the Democrats favor a different approach. The legislation provides a cut of \$500 for workers and \$1,000 for working couples, even if they do not earn enough in wages to pay income taxes.

Separately, Democrats privately conceded they may wind up reducing spending that has come under withering fire in recent days from Republicans.

Last week, House Democrats jettisoned money to reseed the National Mall and a provision to make it easier for states to offer family planning services to the poor under the Medicaid program.

Democrats hold a commanding 58-41 majority in the Senate, but some of their more moderate and conservative members are pushing to trim spending. There was additional pressure on the leadership in the form of bipartisan amendments to reduce spending.

As a result, the outcome of the debate on the measure is far less clear than it was in the House, where leaders had the votes to enforce their will.

The political environment also has changed since House Republicans voted unanimously against the bill last week. Public opinion polls show strong support for a package of tax cuts and spending increases to remedy the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. But Obama is now on the spot, having pledged personally to GOP lawmakers that he would make changes in the bill once it reached the Senate.

The \$884 billion Senate bill is larger than the House-passed version, principally because it includes a one-year tax cut to

prevent upper-middle income taxpayers from falling victim to the Alternative Minimum Tax. The so-called AMT initially was created a generation ago to make sure the super-wealthy did not avoid taxation, but inflation has expanded its reach over the years.

In all, the Senate measure provides for roughly \$542 billion in spending and \$342 billion in tax cuts.

Much of the spending is in the form of health care for the poor; education funds for the states to avoid the impact of their own budget cuts on schools, and more money for food stamps, unemployment insurance and worker retraining funds.

Additionally, the bill includes a down payment on two of Obama's domestic initiatives. They include expanding health information technology and providing spending and tax cuts to encourage development of new jobs while increasing reliance of alternative energy sources.

Whatever the breakdown, Republicans said there was far too much spending, and not enough in tax cuts.

Obama made his comments at the White House, where he met with Vermont Gov. Jim Douglas, the Republican vice chairman of the National Governors Association.

"If I were writing it, it might look a little different," said Douglas, trying to keep faith with Republican critics in Congress while saying his state needed help. "But the essence of a recovery package is essential to get the nation's economy moving."

The latest layoffs were announced by Macy's, the Cincinnati-based department store chain, which said it was cutting 7,000 jobs.



ROBERT F. BUKATY | AP PHOTO  
**NOT A PIRATE:** Ralph Pundt, chairman of the Maine Maritime Academy marine transportation department, poses.

## Anti-piracy courses now being offered

By Clarke Canfield  
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — With an alarming number of tankers and cargo ships getting hijacked on the high seas, the nation's maritime academies are offering more training to merchant seamen in how to fend off attacks from pirates armed not with cutlasses and flintlocks but automatic weapons and grenade launchers.

Colleges are teaching students to fishtail their vessels at high speed, drive off intruders with high-pressure water hoses and illuminate their decks with floodlights.

Anti-piracy training is not new. Nor are the techniques. But the lessons have taken on new urgency — and more courses are planned — because of the record number of attacks worldwide in 2008 by outlaws who seize ships and hold them for ransom.

At the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, Calif., professor Donna Nincic teaches two courses on piracy. Students learn where the piracy hotspots are and how they have shifted over the years.

"If I've done anything, I've shown them that this isn't a joke, it's not about parrots and eye patches and Blackbeard and all that," Nincic said. "It's very real and it's a problem without an easy solution."

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## Various offers pouring in to mom of octuplets for story

By John Rogers  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The mother of the longest-living octuplets in the U.S. is being deluged with offers for book deals, TV shows and other business proposals, but has not decided what she might do other than care for her children, her newly hired spokeswoman said yesterday.

Hundreds of requests have been made since Nadya Suleman gave birth to six boys and two girls a week ago, Joann Killeen said. Killeen is president of Killeen Furtney Group, a public relations company.

"She's the most sought after mom in the world right now," Killeen said. "Everyone wants to talk to her."

But Suleman, who remained

hospitalized with her children at Kaiser Permanente's Bellflower Medical Center, hasn't decided what she'll do next, Killeen said.

Some of the deals and requests for interviews involve offers to pay, Killeen and her partner, Mike Furtney, said. They didn't reveal the amounts being offered, but Killeen noted that raising eight babies will be expensive, adding that Suleman plans to carefully review her financial opportunities.

"Right now her top priority is to be the best mom she can be to all her children," she said. "She's hired us to manage all of those opportunities."

The spokeswoman discounted some published reports that Suleman had already decided to host a television show on parenting.

## Bulldog stabbed to death for attacking a 77-year-old woman

By Melanie S. Welte  
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A good Samaritan armed with a pocketknife stabbed a dog to death as it was attacking a 77-year-old woman in her front yard, officials said.

Ann Lyon, who was with her own dog Sunday when an American bulldog attacked, was wearing a leather coat that protected her from serious injury, authorities in Council Bluffs said.

Lyon said yesterday that the bulldog knocked her to the ground and then went after her dog Casey, a 4-year-old miniature Doberman pinscher.

"My main concern was that dog was so big and so heavy that

I know if he got ahold of Casey that would have been it for her," she said. "I was trying to shield her from this dog and he was all over me."

She estimated the attacking dog weighed about 90 pounds.

Kevin Daub told Omaha, Neb., television station WOWT that he stopped his truck and jumped out when he noticed the bulldog attack Lyon.

"I just heard her screaming 'Help! Help me! Help me!' so I ran over and tried pulling it off her," he said. He grew tired while struggling with the dog, so he pulled out his pocketknife and killed it, he said.

A telephone message left for Daub by The Associated Press yesterday was not immediately returned.

The dead dog was to be tested for rabies.

Galen Barrett, Council Bluffs chief animal control officer, said the bulldog was properly licensed and had not caused any problems before it got off its owner's property.

The name of the dog's owner, who lives in the same neighborhood as Lyon, was not released. The investigation was continuing, Barrett said. He said charges, if filed, could range from a dog at large to harboring a dangerous dog, both misdemeanors punishable by fines.

Authorities said Lyon didn't require medical care. Her dog also was uninjured.

"The only thing I could think of was covering my dog so he wouldn't kill her," Lyon said.

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## BASKETBALL

## Pontius named MAC East Player of the Week

On the strength of a career high 31 points Saturday, BG sophomore point guard Tracy Pontius earned the MAC East Player of the Week honor for the first time in her career. Pontius also had five assists and three steals in the OT win over NIU.

## ONLINE

## The BG News Sports Blog

Be sure to log on to The BG News Sports Blog for continued news and updates on all your favorite Falcon teams. We have posted the third edition of basketball power rankings and will have a live blog from tonight's women's basketball game against Ball State. [www.bgnewsports.com](http://www.bgnewsports.com)

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## OUR CALL

## Today in Sports History

**1998**—Brian Cashman becomes general manager of the New York Yankees.

**1979**—Hall of Famer Rod Carew is traded to the California Angels.

**1961**—Dick Button wins sixth U.S. skating title.

**1876**—Albert Spalding starts the Spalding sports company with \$800.

## The List

With rumors about Matt Cassel may be leaving New England, Byron Leftwich being targeted as a hot commodity and several noteworthy quarterbacks coming out of the draft, today we list the top five teams in need of a quarterback for the 2009 season:

**1. Detroit:** The Lions relied on Dan Orlovsky who couldn't keep himself inbounds at times.

**2. San Francisco:** The 49ers have been in a quarterback funk ever since they drafted Alex Smith. They could really use someone consistent.

**3. New York Jets:** With Brett Favre possibly retiring, the Jets could use a new man under center to mentor Kellen Clemens and Erik Ainge.

**4. Kansas City:** By pursuing Cassel, the Chiefs must not be sold on Tyler Thigpen.

**5. Minnesota:** Unless the Vikes want to give Tarvaris Jackson one more shot, they'll need to find a replacement.

## Home sweet home

Falcon women return home after two road wins

By Andrew Harner  
Sports Editor



**BIG WINNERS:** Tracy Pontius and the Falcons have won 18 straight games and will play their first home game in nearly two weeks tonight.

Following a game four days ago when BG's women's basketball team (18-2, 7-0 Mid-American Conference) took Northern Illinois to overtime, they now have a quick turnaround and will face Ball State (17-6, 6-1 MAC) tonight at Anderson Arena.

Against NIU, the Falcons had to rally late to push the game to overtime, and when it was all said and done, every Falcon starter but Lindsey Goldsberry had played over 40 minutes.

"I am worried about the effect, now, with a short turnaround," coach Curt Miller said.

But, the Falcons must put that stat aside as they take on the MAC West division leader in BSU, especially considering the last game gave the team another mark in the win column.

That mark now stands at 18 straight — good enough to garner three votes in the AP poll.

But even with that put aside, the memory of last season's 68-47 loss to the Cardinals in Ball State also lingers.

Miller said his players did not review film from that game in the past few days, but he watched it. More importantly, he watched all the film from BSU's 2009 conference games.

The reason Miller is focusing more on this year's film is because Kelly Packard and her staff are in their first year of coaching the Cardinals, meaning watching a game played in

## PROJECTED STARTERS

## FALCONS:

G - Tracy Pontius  
G - Lindsey Goldsberry  
F - Niki McCoy  
F - Lauren Prochaska  
C - Tara Breske

## CARDINALS:

G - Kiley Jarrett  
G - Audrey McDonald  
G - Porchia Green  
F - Emily Maggert  
F - Danielle Gratton

their old system won't do Miller nearly as much good as learning the things the team does this season.

But of the things the team can control on the floor, containing the Cardinals' starters from scoring is likely to be toward the top of Miller's agenda.

"Without question, they have the starting lineup in the league that is the most dangerous because all five starters can score," Miller said. "All five of them can be a leading scorer on a given night."

Those five are Emily Maggert (14 points per game), Porchia Green (13.3 ppg), Danielle Gratton (12.3 ppg), Audrey McDonald (11.6 ppg) and Kiley Jarrett (7.9).

In last season's win, Jarrett led Ball State with 14 points.

Not only can the group score, it is also very experienced with two seniors in Green and

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## Injuries plague Falcons in loss to EMU

By Chris Sojka  
Reporter

When Dawn Christman injured her knee on her vault landing, coach Kerrie Beach had to bring the team together and keep them focused on the task at hand.



**Breanne Guy**

Her leg injury was one of several the Falcons faced Sunday

While it was traumatic for the team to witness her injury, the Falcons still had the majority of the meet to finish. Despite Beach's attempts to keep the team focused, the Falcons still came up short as they fell to Eastern Michigan on Sunday, 192.925-190.050.

The Falcons posted two top-three finishes but injuries hindered the team throughout the meet.

The team was without top all-arounder Breanne Guy on beam and floor who had a peroneal strain in her leg and Queenita Gamble on vault and floor who had a big toe sprain. With these top competitors out, other gymnasts had to step up and try to get the job done.

"It is always a challenge to make adjustments to the lineup, but that is why it is a team sport," Beach said. "We just have to have as many athletes ready as possible on every event in case of injury."

The Falcons started off the

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**LOOKING UP:** Bert Blyleven has been inching closer to election into the baseball Hall of Fame, but he has still come up short each year.

## Blyleven has good stats but not quite Hall numbers



**CHRIS RAMBO**  
REPORTER

With the January 12 announcement of Rickey Henderson and Jim Rice as the two newest members of baseball's Hall of Fame, yet another year was marked in which the name of Bert Blyleven remained absent from the list of inductees into the grand old game's sacred shrine.

The durable right-hander, nicknamed "The Dutch Master" for his Netherlandian ancestry, is now in his twelfth year of eligibility and with each passing year has seen his vote total steadily climb towards the 75 percent that is needed for enshrinement.

However, to some in baseball it is an injustice that Blyleven does not already have a plaque in Cooperstown and an even greater injustice that he may never get one. Blyleven backers are mystified that voters continually look past the fact that their man compiled 287 wins and 3,701 strikeouts over a steady, reliable 22-year career. On the other hand, there are those who are just fine with Blyleven being left out, people who point to his

near .500 won-loss record and dearth of accolades as sufficient proof that while Blyleven should have a place in baseball history, that place should not be in Cooperstown.

As the years have progressed, and Blyleven has remained on the outside looking in, the debate over his candidacy has reached hot-button status among those who follow the game. It has become almost an annual rite of the offseason. Should he or shouldn't he get in? Should Blyleven's amazing durability outweigh his lack of total domination, or vice versa?

In the wake of this year's Hall of Fame balloting, and with spring training still a good 4 weeks away, I thought I would try and break up the monotony of January by lending my voice, however insignificant it might be, to this debate. So without further adieu let's take a plunge into the evidence.

## Why he should be in

There is a lot to like about Blyleven. For starters, the man wielded what was quite possibly the nastiest curveball of his generation, one that is still used as a standard for comparison. Then there are his 287 wins, only one

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## UCONN moves to top spot in men's poll

By Jim O'Connell  
The Associated Press

It's a new week, there must be a new No. 1.

This time it's Connecticut at the top of The Associated Press' college basketball poll, the fourth straight week with a new No. 1.

The Huskies (20-1) moved up from second to replace Duke (19-2), which fell to fourth after losing on a last-second shot to Wake Forest in its one week on top.

Wake Forest (17-2) was No. 1 two weeks ago, but the Demon Deacons lost to Virginia Tech and fell out. They had replaced Pittsburgh (19-2), which was No. 1 for two weeks before losing to Louisville. North Carolina (19-2) was a unanimous No. 1 in the preseason poll and for the first seven weeks of the season before losing to Boston College.

The five teams which have been No. 1 this season are from two conferences: North Carolina, Wake Forest and Duke of the Atlantic Coast Conference and Pittsburgh and Connecticut of the Big East.



BOB CHILD | AP PHOTO

**NEXT IN LINE:** Kemba Walker and UCONN moved up to the top spot.

The record for consecutive weeks with a different No. 1 is seven in the 1993-94 season.

This is Connecticut's first appearance at No. 1 since March

2006, and it is the Huskies' 25th week on top, all since 1995.

"I look at it like winning a good in-season tournament like Maui, it's an accomplishment for a minute, a day, an hour, a week or whatever, but you want to be there in April," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said yesterday. "It's still a nice little niche. Out of 343 Division I teams how many have a chance to be No. 1? So it is nice to be there."

The Huskies' time there will be challenged immediately as they played at No. 5 Louisville last night.

"This will be our fourth game in eight days and we have played in Chicago, South Bend and now here," Calhoun said at his team's morning shootaround. "That's life in the Big East."

Connecticut received 64 first-place votes from the 72-member national media panel to easily outdistance Oklahoma (21-1), which moved up from fourth. The Sooners were last ranked No. 2 in the 2002-03 season. The Sooners were No. 1 on five ballots.

## UCONN women remain unanimous No. 1

By Doug Feinberg  
The Associated Press

Connecticut remains in a class by itself.

The Huskies were a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press poll for the 10th straight week yesterday. They blew out then-No. 6 Louisville last Monday before routing Georgetown on Saturday.

UCONN (21-0) is the lone unbeaten team, winning by an average of 34 points. On Tuesday, the Huskies face Big East rival Rutgers, which fell out of the rankings last week.

Oklahoma stayed at No. 2 after winning at Baylor on Wednesday. The Sooners host No. 12 Tennessee on Monday night as Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt goes for her 1,000th victory.

Connecticut received all 45 first-place votes for 1,125 points from the national media panel. Oklahoma totaled 1,079 points.

Connecticut is also ranked No. 1 in the men's poll, the fourth season in which both UConn



BOB CHILD | AP PHOTO

**CAN'T TOUCH THIS:** UCONN has been No. 1 all season in the women's poll.

programs have been No. 1 at the same time.

California, Duke, and Louisville rounded out the top five.

California moved up four spots to No. 3. The Bears were third for two weeks earlier in the season. Duke fell one place to fourth after losing to Florida State in overtime. Despite losing to Connecticut, Louisville moved up to No. 5 for its best ranking ever.

Auburn fell to sixth after losing its first game of the season to Georgia. Stanford climbed two places to seventh. Baylor dropped four spots and was tied for No. 8 with North Carolina. Baylor lost to Oklahoma and Texas at home. Texas A&M was No. 10.

Florida was No. 11 — its best ranking since Feb. 26, 2001. The Gators were followed by Tennessee, Maryland, Ohio State and Florida State. The Terrapins dropped five places after losing to Virginia. The Seminoles matched their highest ranking ever.

Texas remained 16th, followed by Virginia, Kansas State, Notre Dame, and Vanderbilt. Iowa State, Pittsburgh, Xavier, DePaul, and South Dakota State rounded out the poll.



## Police video complicates coach's arrest

By Dan Sewell  
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI—A newly released police video shows Mississippi basketball coach Andy Kennedy pleading with an officer before his arrest on an assault charge.

"I'm begging you ... this is a major deal, man," Kennedy told police.

He added: "This is going to be a national incident, sir."

Kennedy was arrested in downtown Cincinnati on Dec. 18 after a taxi driver said Kennedy hit him and used racial slurs.

On the video broadcast by WLWT-TV in Cincinnati, an officer warned Kennedy to do what police say.

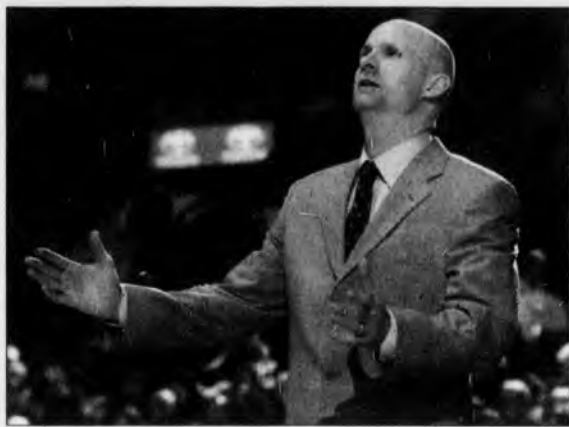
"You turn on me one more time, I'm going to start making some more charges. Do you understand me?" an unidentified police officer told Kennedy.

Kennedy told an officer that he was formerly the University of Cincinnati head coach and was in town to play "Louisville and Rick Pitino" on national television. The officer told Kennedy he didn't want to talk with him.

Kennedy told police on the video that he had a verbal altercation about how many people could ride in the cab, and that it "makes no sense" to arrest him.

In response to his pleas, an officer said: "You think we've never arrested somebody that's made national media? ... We deal with the Bengals all the time."

A couple of years ago, the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals had nine players arrested on various



BRUCE NEWMAN | OXFORD EAGLE VIA AP

**REALLY?** A police video has surfaced of Mississippi State's men's basketball coach Andy Kennedy pleading with an officer before a December arrest.

charges in a one-year span.

Kennedy attorney Mike Allen said the video would help his defense.

"It shows that Coach Kennedy was compliant with the officer; he was polite and cooperative," Allen said yesterday.

Kennedy said during the SEC basketball teleconference call yesterday that he hadn't seen the tape and was concentrating on Mississippi's upcoming game against Auburn.

"This thing has taken on a life of its own and I've got to focus on a task at hand," Kennedy said.

Kennedy has denied the cab driver's allegations and is scheduled for trial April 20 on a misdemeanor count of assault. That would carry a maximum sen-

tence of six months in jail if he is convicted.

Taxi driver Mohamed Mactar Ould Jiddou told police that Kennedy punched him in the face and called him "(Osama) bin Laden" and other derogatory terms during a dispute over how many passengers were allowed in his taxi.

The charge has triggered civil lawsuits on both sides. Kennedy charges defamation and "loss of consortium" with his wife; Jiddou seeks civil damages from Kennedy for the alleged assault and accuses the coach of filing a frivolous lawsuit.

Kennedy's Rebels basketball team is 12-9 this season after upset victories last week over Kentucky and Mississippi State.

## LOSS

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meet on the bars where Kasey Fillmore had a career high score of 9.775, tying for second place. Landing a 9.750, Amber Brewer, finished in fourth.

For their next rotation, BG moved onto the vault. While it was challenging to watch their teammate Christman's injury, the vaulting lineup still had a job to do. Jenna Wirtanen led the Falcons with a 9.600, tying for fifth place.

The team went to the floor without Gamble and Guy, but had to add Christman to the list of athletes who could not compete. With only five gymnasts competing, freshman Andrea Kinzer won her second career event — tying for a win — with a 9.750.

Finishing off the meet, the team headed to the balance beam, which has been their toughest event of the season

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Kerrie Beach | Coach

thus far. The beam lineup, however, scored higher than they have in the past two meets.

Leading the way for the Falcons were Gamble and Megan Chronister who both recorded a 9.700, tying for fourth place.

There has been a disconnect between practice and competition. In practice, the team has no problems landing their routines, but it is not completely carrying over to the meets.

"I am certain this is a situation of mental preparation," Beach said. "Physically, these athletes

have no problem performing the routines, but mentally they need to get stronger."

"This week we will be practicing the line-ups we will do in the meet. We will be very focused on trying to create situations full of adrenaline and pressure, working on mental toughness."

This Saturday at 4 p.m., the Falcons will take on Kent State in Anderson Arena, the first of a three meet home stand. This is a very important meet for the team as Kent State was projected to win the Mid-American Conference this season.

## BERT

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other eligible pitcher (Tommy John) has won that many and is not in Cooperstown. He also struck out 3,701 batters, good for fifth all-time. His 60 career shutouts are just one fewer than Roger Clemens and Pedro Martinez combined, and his 242 complete games are twice as many as Clemens. Blyleven threw those 242 complete games over the span of 685 career starts, so you could basically count on him going the distance once every three games. His ERA was better than the league average in 17 out of his 22 seasons. Blyleven only had one 20-win season but he had five 17-win seasons and one 19-win campaign. He also finished in the top five in ERA six times, threw a no-hitter, and helped two teams (the 79 Pirates and 87 Twins) win world championships.

### Why he should stay out

While Blyleven's complete game, strikeout, and shutout numbers are undoubtedly impressive, his resume is not without some glaring holes. First off, for most of his career

Blyleven's won-loss record hovered at or near the .500 mark. His 250 career losses nearly equal his win total of 287. Now there are some who say that had Blyleven not been stuck on some mediocre Twins teams and abysmal Indians teams during the early and middle parts of his career, his won-loss record would look very different. However, in my opinion there is no use in speculating what he might have done with other teams, we can only evaluate the numbers that are in front of us. It is also important to remember that Blyleven pitched in an era of four man rotations when the 20-win threshold was much more attainable than it is today. During the 1970s there were a whopping 96 twenty-game winners as opposed to 34 in the 1990s. However Blyleven has only one season of 20 or more wins to his credit. Also, perhaps underscoring his lack of dominance, Blyleven only received Cy Young votes in four years (never placing higher than third) and was only selected to two all-star teams.

### Final Verdict

Out of all the borderline cases for the Hall of Fame, Blyleven's is one of the toughest to call. Do

you reward his amazing durability or punish his lack of sheer brilliance? Lying at the very heart of Blyleven's case and all other borderline cases is this question. What standards determine a Hall of Famer? Your answer to this question will probably determine how you feel about Blyleven. If you feel that the Hall isn't only reserved for the Sandy Koufax's and Willie Mays's of the world, that there is room for players such as Don Sutton and Phil Niekro, who compiled their stats over a long period of reliability but who lacked overwhelming dominance, then you will probably be inclined to let Blyleven in. This is a perfectly legitimate argument and there are many respected baseball people who share this view.

However, I believe that the Hall of Fame is reserved for, and only for, the elite, not the very good which is exactly what Blyleven was. He was a very good pitcher for a very long time but never an elite one. I believe that with each borderline case that gets let in (Sutton, Niekro, and Jim Rice) the Hall of Fame risks losing some of its prestige. Therefore, while I think that Blyleven was a very good pitcher, in my book his career falls just a tad bit shy of Cooperstown-worthy.

## PREVIEW

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Jarrett, juniors in Gratton and McDonald and a sophomore in Maggert.

Off the bench, however, the team's experience falls off as three of their major bench threats — Suzanne Grossnickle, Patrice King and Amber Clark — are freshmen.

"Their depth is freshmen, I wouldn't call it lacking," Miller said. "The depth isn't lacking, it's just young."

The Cardinals have also

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Curt Miller | BG coach

struggled away from home this season with a 3-6 record compared to a 10-1 record at home.

BG has gone 8-0 at Anderson Arena this year, and after being gone for two weeks, Miller and his team are happy to be playing in front of home fans again.

"To be able to come back home after that emotional game is very important," Miller said. "Hopefully a big home crowd will help us in this game against Ball State."

The game will tipoff tonight at 7 p.m.

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## Unemployment rises in China as demand for goods decreases

By Anita Chang  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — The global economic crisis has taken hold deep in China's impoverished countryside, as millions of rural migrants are laid off from factory jobs and left to scratch a living from tiny landholdings — creating unsettling prospects for a government anxious to avoid social unrest.

With demand for Chinese toy, shoe and electronics exports evaporating overseas, as many as 26 million of China's estimated 130 million migrant workers are now unemployed, the government announced yesterday. A day earlier, Beijing warned of "possibly the toughest year" this decade and called for development of rural areas to offset the economic fallout.

"The government should not sit idly and disappoint the farmers," Liu Shanying said. Liu is a political scientist at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

"If they are unemployed for a long time, it will be a time bomb," Liu said.

The severity of the situation will become clearer in the weeks ahead, as workers eager to test their prospects return from spending the Lunar New Year with their families in the countryside.

But already, agencies that seek to match workers with factory



ELIZABETH DALZIEL | AP PHOTO

**NO MORE WORK:** In this April 8, 2007 file photo, Chinese migrant workers, who make the bulk of the work force in construction sites, queue as they get ready for work in Beijing, China.

managers say demand has plummeted.

Zhang Quanshou, an agency director in the southern manufacturing powerhouse of Shenzhen, said he had requests for only half the number of workers as last year.

"Orders are down, so there are comparatively fewer jobs for the migrant workers," Zhang said yesterday, as a crowd of workers fresh from Henan province, central China's breadbasket, filled out forms outside his office.

Zhang said he was seeking to adjust to the situation by first providing factory jobs to young women, seen by employers as more efficient at assembly line work.

"Last year, the demand for work-

ers was high, so it was OK to have male workers and more mature workers. But this year, we asked the male and more mature workers to come later and the young women to come first," he said.

Throughout the years of China's long economic boom, migrant work provided a sort of social pressure release valve, allowing millions of farmers to escape to factory jobs in better developed coastal regions.

Those jobs, however, have dried up quickly as China's economic growth—once red-hot—plunged to 6.8 percent in the final quarter of last year. Analysts have cut forecasts for whole-year economic growth in 2009 to as low as 5 percent, with the export sector particularly hard-hit.

## Thousands of civilians trapped, killed during bloody civil war in Sri Lanka

Some victims were attacked while inside 'safe zone' declared by government

By Ravi Nessman  
The Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — A mother and father lay on the floor, their two young children cradled between them. Floral pillows and other bedding were strewn about: They were apparently sleeping when an artillery shell hit their makeshift shelter in northern Sri Lanka, instantly killing them all.

This photo, taken Jan. 23, along with other pictures and video footage taken last week were given to The Associated Press by independent observers. They offer a rare glimpse of the growing toll the civil war has taken on the estimated 250,000 civilians trapped in the all-but-sealed conflict zone.

The images show that despite repeated government denials, civilians are being killed and maimed in the fighting.

Some of the victims were attacked inside a government-declared "safe zone" in rebel-held territory and the wounded were brought to the nearby Puthukkudiyiruppu hospital, which itself has come under attack.

The hospital, overflowing with wounded civilians, was shelled yesterday for the fourth time in two days, killing

two patients, said Kandasamy Tharmakulasingham, a government health official. A total of 11 people have been killed since the first attack on the hospital Sunday afternoon, he said.

One of the last working medical institutions in the region, the hospital lies outside the "safe zone" the government established Jan. 21 inside rebel territory as a refuge for civilians. The government pledged not to attack the safe area during its offensive against the rebels, but it has come under repeated artillery attack, according to local health officials and human rights groups.

Government troops have brought the Tamil Tiger rebels to the brink of defeat in recent months, forcing them out of much of the de facto state they once controlled in the north, capturing their administrative capital and shattering their dream of establishing a separate homeland for minority Tamils. The offensive has also raised growing concerns about the fate of civilians in the war zone.

Journalists and most aid groups have been barred from the area of the fighting, but independent observers shot video footage and photographs over the past week and provided them to The Associated Press.

The observers provided the images on condition they not be identified because they feared government reprisal.

The photograph of the slain family was taken in the early morning of Jan. 23 in the village of Udayarkattu inside the "safe zone," according to the observer who took the picture. It showed the bloodied bodies of a woman, two young children and a man lying among brightly colored floral pillows, a green mat, striped sheets and other bedding. A bicycle, stacked blankets and other household items could be seen in the background.

An artillery shell struck between two makeshift shelters where people displaced by the fighting were staying and the family of four was killed instantly, the observer said. A second photo showed the body of a woman wearing a red-and-white checked dress lying face down under debris in another shelter nearby.

The video footage, taken last week, showed Puthukkudiyiruppu hospital packed with dozens of severely wounded people, including many young children. Many of the wounded were lying on mats underneath beds because of overcrowding.

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## Study finds kids smoking less pot, going out less

By Lindsey Tanner  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kids on both sides of the Atlantic are smoking less pot and going out less often with friends at night, a study of 15-year-olds in 30 countries found.

The double declines occurred in the United States, Canada and mostly European countries from 2002 to 2006. The trends are likely related, since other research has found that kids who spend many evenings out are more likely to smoke dope than homebodies.

Since few parents approve of marijuana use, teens are most likely to use the drug secretly away from home, said lead author Emmanuel Kuntsche of the Swiss Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Problems.

Reasons for the declines are unclear. But the researchers said drug prevention efforts and technology may have contributed.

Instant messaging, e-mail and cell phones "may have partly replaced face-to-face contacts, leading to fewer social contacts in the eve-

nings," Kuntsche said.

The study appears in February's Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, released yesterday.

The researchers analyzed data on 93,297 15-year-olds from periodic health surveys in dozens of countries conducted in collaboration with the World Health Organization.

Survey questionnaires were distributed to entire classrooms at various schools, asking various health-related questions including about marijuana use and evenings out with friends in the past year. Responses to 2006 surveys were compared with those in 2002.

Users were kids who'd tried marijuana at least once in the past year.

Marijuana use increased only in Estonia, Lithuania and Malta, and among Russian girls.

While rates varied widely among countries, prevalence was highest both years in Canada, where 30 percent of boys and almost 28 percent of girls used marijuana in 2006. That was down 13 percent among boys and almost 10 percent among girls.

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## INVASION

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"It feels like I've known them for a year," Krommendijk said.

However, the pressure of homework and deadlines has been an adjustment.

"Up here there is so much homework and pressure to get an A," Derkx said. "Teachers are much more authoritative."

But both agree it is better for their results.

"I didn't know anyone before I came here and I think I know over 40 people now," Derkx said.

Adrian van Alphen has high hopes for the future of the program.

"We can expand it to not only a minor program but also to degree programs," Adrian said. "And also get Americans to Holland and use it as a gateway to Europe for American students."

## SECTION O

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"Before implementing a new system, let's see if we can adjust the old system to make it more acceptable," McOmber said. "As I look out there [at the audience], I say to myself, it's not altogether a bad thing that people care so much, although everyone may not get what they want."

McOmber also suggested the new language focus more directly on the health, safety and appearance of properties in Bowling Green, with the legislation centered on all houses and not just rental properties.

And though the council left their meeting hoping to have the additions to Section O hammered out within the next several months, President Megan Newlove assured citizens in the audience that in the meantime the section would not be forgotten.

"I think all of us up here understand there are problems and issues with Section O," Newlove said. "We don't want to sweep them under the rug."

## Cockfighting ring exposed in N. Carolina

By Mike Baker  
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — More than 70 people have been arrested in a cockfighting ring that secretly gathered in central North Carolina to watch a \$40,000 tournament so gruesome that one of the roosters splattered blood on the investigators' search warrant, authorities said.

Deputies didn't expect to find so many people crammed into three chicken houses that had been cleaned out to provide hidden parking spaces and a cockfighting pit, Randolph County Sheriff Maynard Reid Jr. said in an interview yesterday. Authorities arrested 73 people, ranging in age from 16 to 79, and charged them all with cockfighting and cruelty to animals, both felonies.

Reid said several others escaped after fleeing a back door during the raid Saturday afternoon at the site about 15 miles southeast of Asheboro in the center of North Carolina.

"I had no idea it would be this large," Reid said. "I've raided these things before and (if) you get 20 or 25 people, you've got a big crowd. I thought that this was unreal."

He described a grisly scene: About 20 birds were already dead, eliminated early from a deadly tournament. A fight was ongoing when deputies arrived, and one of the combatant roosters jumped up onto the betting table and spattered blood onto a search warrant that investigators were serving, Reid said.

Photos provided by the sheriff's office show a building strewn with feathers and debris, including several dead birds and a pile of empty beer cans dumped together in a corner. Makeshift benches surround a plywood ring, where the body of another rooster is lying.

The tournament's grand champion, Reid said, was slated to win \$40,000. He named the ringleader as 33-year-old Barry Ritter. Reid said Ritter was charging \$25 to watch the event at a facility he owned with his father, who was not among those arrested.

"I think it was used at one time to raise chickens," Reid said.

## Founder of Girls Gone Wild skips court hearing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge in California has issued an arrest warrant for "Girls Gone Wild" founder Joe Francis because he failed to appear at a hearing in his tax evasion case.

U.S. attorney's office spokesman Thom Mrozek said U.S. District Judge S. James Otero issued the warrant yesterday in Los Angeles.

Francis did not immedi-

ately respond to a call seeking comment. The hearing was to address his request to hire a new attorney.

Francis is accused of claiming more than \$20 million in bogus business expenses on his corporate tax returns, including \$3.8 million for a home in Mexico and \$10.4 million in phony consulting services.

He has pleaded not guilty. His trial is scheduled for March.

## Memorial service held after toilet was accidentally shot



AP PHOTO

**THE DEATH OF JOHN:** In this Jan. 13 file photo released by the Centerville Police Dept., shows a shattered toilet in the restroom of a Carl's Jr. restaurant in Centerville, Utah. A toilet that was the victim of an accidental gunshot was remembered fondly during a memorial ceremony.

CENTERVILLE, Utah (AP) — John, a porcelain commode gunned down in an accidental shooting at a fast food restaurant's bathroom, has died. His age was not immediately known.

The toilet was shattered by a bullet Jan. 12 when a man's gun fell from its holster as he was pulling up his pants, police said. Police do not plan to file criminal charges in connection with the incident.

Christian Martinez, manager of the Carl's Jr. where John was gunned down, held a memorial service Friday at the restaurant. He gave away bottles of John's favorite toilet cleaner, Kaboom Bowl Blaster, to the

eater's first 50 patrons.

A bountiful flower shop provided a large floral arrangement.

"In all my years, I can say without a doubt that I have never delivered for a toilet," said deliveryman Doug Graham. "But I thought it was the funniest thing I've ever heard. I got a kick out of it."

Remnants of John hit and cut the gun owner's arm, but he was not seriously injured.

Police blamed John's death on the gun and style of holster the man was using.

"He was survived by the men's urinal and wash sink," Martinez said. "He left us way too soon."

"I had no idea it would be this large. ... I thought that this was unreal."

Maynard Reid Jr. | Sheriff

"Now it is being used for cockfighting. They had a rural area. They thought nobody would catch them there. But I think we've sent a message that we will not tolerate this in our county."

The sheriff's office said investigators also seized 73 vehicles, two firearms and cash. They also found cocaine and marijuana at the scene. Much of the crowd was Hispanic, and Reid said authorities were still checking the immigration status of those arrested.

The county's animal control officers took possession of 130 live roosters.

John Goodwin, manager of animal fighting issues for The Humane Society of the United States, said North Carolina still appears to have a large number of cockfighting rings even though the state passed law in 2005 making it a felony. Goodwin visited the state last year to help educate law enforcement personnel about cockfighting rings, and he said similar efforts around the country have increased attention on the rings.

He said the Humane Society is focused on passing felony laws in a number of other states that haven't yet done so.

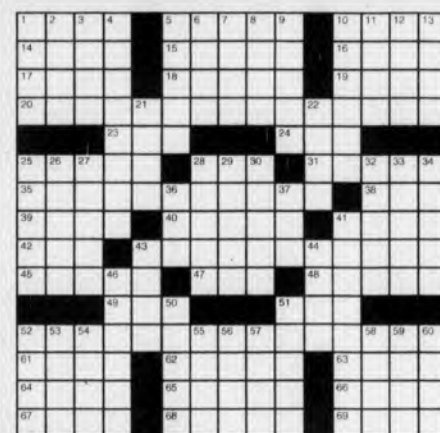
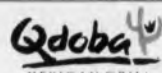
"If you can win a \$40,000 prize, what kind of deterrent is a \$200 misdemeanor penalty going to be?" Goodwin said.

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# Wooster Street's 'Jur-ice-ic park'



**TOP:** Troy Chamberlain and junior Jose Galvin admire their neighbor's handiwork on Monday afternoon. Both Chamberlain and Galvin said they didn't understand how the dinosaur snow sculpture was built on such a large scale. "I love the T-Rex," Galvin said. "I just can't fathom how they built it."

**ABOVE:** In addition to the dinosaur and gorilla, Arvan and his friend sculpted two students watching MTV in a snow living room. Arvan's next-door neighbor, senior Olga Creeger, said she liked the snow sculptures and found them amusing. "Every morning, you wake up and you might find something new in your yard," Creeger said.



**TOP:** Arvan said the snow sculptures other than the dinosaur were built about a week ago as a way to entertain people driving down Wooster Street. Unfortunately, the snow gorilla lost its head a few days ago. "We've got some punks that just can't enjoy things," Arvan said.

**ABOVE:** Senior Matt Arvan and his friend Joe Carstensen built the large snow dinosaur in Arvan's front yard as a way to kill time before the Super Bowl on Sunday. Arvan said it was Carstensen's idea to make the dinosaur. "He just wanted to make something really big so we made a big pile of snow and he said, 'Let's make a dino!'"

**LEFT:** Troy Chamberlain tries to help his neighbors out but putting the snow-gorilla's face back on. Although Chamberlain originally favored the gorilla, he said that changed when the dinosaur was built. "The dino definitely overshadowed him," Chamberlain said.

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